

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter September 28, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

As we celebrate the gift of Pope Francis' visit to our country and the World Meeting of Families, we now turn to prayer for the Synod on the Family that will begin next month at the Vatican.

Our "Essential Concept" this week is the **Trinity**. The Trinity is an inseparable relationship of love among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three distinct persons who are one God. Thus, the Trinity is the model for the love that exists within Holy Matrimony and family life.

As we review our recommended resources on the Trinity, let us also be mindful of how God - Three in One - calls us to sacrificial love for others and to share the blessings of our faith, especially with the families we serve!

Related print, digital and online materials for each "Essential Concept" can also be found on the Library Media website at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Library/newsletters

Take a moment to look at our featured website this week. The **Center for Ministry Development** has a selection of webinars available for the year dealing with topics related to effective youth ministry techniques, using social media in ministry, and family faith formation.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Bereavement Gathering

September 28, 2015: 9:30-3:00 St. Vincent de Paul Church-Federal Way
Please contact [Anne Frederick](#) for more information.

How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize All of God's Children: Practical Suggestions for Serving Those with Special Needs

October 3, 2015: 9:00-3:00 St. James Cathedral, Seattle, Pastoral Center Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton. For more [information](#) contact Erica Cohen Moore, 206-382-4852 or ericac@seattlearch.org

2nd Annual Mental Health Ministry Day-A Focus on Suicide

October 10, 2015: 9:00-4:00 Archdiocese of Seattle, Isaac Orr Conference Room

Keynote Speaker: Stephanie Lane, MSW,MHP,CPC

For Questions & to RSVP contact Erica Cohen Moore 206-382-4852 or

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Life Is Changed, Not Ended (Event for Clergy)

Finding Joy in the Church's Funeral Rite

October 23, 2015: 9:30-3:00 Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline

Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, CSC. Pastoral Liturgical Studies, University of Portland

Register by Oct. 16th to ocff@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096.

Life Is Changed, Not Ended (Event for Lay Ministers)

Finding Joy in the Church's Funeral Rite

October 24, 2015: 9:30-3:00 Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline

Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, CSC. Pastoral Liturgical Studies, University of Portland

Register by Oct. 16th to ocff@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4096.

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

October 20, 2015: St. Rose De Viterbo Church-Longview

Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Formation Opportunities

Ignatian Spirituality 101: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality & Prayer

Thursday, October 8 | 6:30-9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

ISC Staff and Partners presenting. No cost. Donations appreciated. For questions or to RSVP, please email [Andrea Fontana](#), Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824. Co-sponsored by the [Ignatian Spirituality Center](#) (ISC), Christian Life Communities (CLC), Magis: Alumni Living the Mission, and Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL).

Missionary Disciples Formation Program: Going Forth in Joy

Saturday October 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM -to-Sunday October 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM

Maryknoll Northwest Mission House 958 16th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112. For frontline parish and school ministers. This program will assist in carrying out the privilege and responsibility they bear of instilling a missionary spirit in the faithful by helping them create and support "communities of missionary disciples" that go forth in joy. For more information or to [register](#) contact [Anna Clarke](#) or call 206-322-8831.

Catholicity and Conscious Evolution: The Vision of Pope Francis

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00-12:00 | St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burien

Presented by Ilia Delio, OSF. Preregistration by October 9th is required. There is no charge for the event. For registration and more information, visit www.ipjc.org

Essential Religious Education Concepts

Week Four: Trinity Father, Son, Holy Spirit [74-100]

The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.

TASK 1 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH - Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Annotated Bibliography from the LMC*-Revelation, Creation, Salvation

History, Sacred Scripture, Christology, Trinity.

*Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.

Online Resources

C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What is the Holy Trinity?

Some of us have heard the phrase "God in three persons, Blessed Trinity." What does that mean? Bishop Don Hying from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has more on this divine trio.



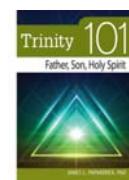
What Is Trinity?

Bishop Robert Barron gives an explanation on Trinity and what it is. Taken from his DVD, "Faith Clips".



Resources from the LMC on The Trinity

Trinity 101: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Offers readers a basic approach to the Trinity as history portrays it, as a doctrinal concept, and how it is revealed in the Scripture. This is highly useful to those seeking a starting point of Catholic theological study of the Trinity, from high school age onwards; and also to educated Catholic adults who are drawn to this topic.

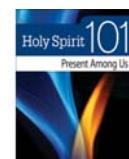


The One Thing is Three: How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything

With humor and ease, Fr. Gaitley, deftly unlocks the 'one thing,' the key to the Church's wisdom, and the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith: the Most Holy Trinity. Far from being an academic read, The 'One Thing' Is Three makes deep theology accessible to everyday Catholics. What's more, it makes even what's familiar or forgotten new, exciting, and relevant.



Holy Spirit 101: Present Among Us Offers readers a basic approach to coming to know this complex part of the trinity. Author John Gresham, dissects the difficult concept of the Holy Spirit, its place in history and scripture, as well as its connection to us today. In Holy Spirit 101, you will find examples, tools, and review questions perfect for group or individual study that will deepen the understanding of your faith.



Library Media Center Resources of the Week

Check It Out Newsletter-A Celebration of Saints

Books and video ideas on saints-resources for all ages. Plus a book and video link on Junipero Serra, who Pope Francis recently canonized a saint. And as always in our newsletters, featured materials just added to the LMC catalog.

Study Group Resources

Some ideas if planning a study group in your community!



United States Catholic Catechism for Adults/Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism (Book, 4 part-36 chapters)

Here is an inviting way to access the doctrinal and spiritual riches of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, building your knowledge and your faith. Each chapter is designed to be used as a study session and includes: prayers, Scripture reading, a summary of the catechetical theme, its application in today's culture, citations of relevant passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catholic Church, questions for reflection, and suggestions for further reading.

Catholicism: Adult Formation Program (DVD, 10 sessions) Fr. Robert Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formation program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. *Additional Pilgrimage journal allows for the Catholicism Series to be geared toward middle-schoolers.*

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother (DVD, 8 sessions) Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching

(Book/DVD, 3 sessions) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Essential prayers, lesson plans, small group sessions, and source material to help teenagers and senior citizens, college students and RCIA candidates, pastors and parish councils, and Catholic school children and families learn and live the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. Use sessions from this resource with the USCCB video, *In the Footsteps of Jesus* for a complete parish program.

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

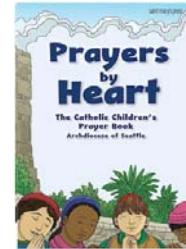
Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#).

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Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

Daily prayers, memorized by heart, are a wonderful way for children to stay close to God. *Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book*, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the beautiful prayers of our Catholic faith. Incorporating these prayers and family blessings in their daily life—when they awake, when they eat, at Mass, or before they go to sleep, will help children learn to talk to and listen to God while being reminded of how He is always with them, and how much He loves and cares for them.

Order copies [here](#)



MyUSCCB

This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.



Featured This Week (Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time):

How to Start and Sustain Parish Bible Study This concise, two-page resource will help you get a head start on starting or improving parish bible study in time for National Bible Week 2015, November 15-21. ([English](#) or [Spanish](#))

Angels In honor of the Feast Day of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2), this excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church provides a brief catechesis on these spiritual beings. ([English](#) or [Spanish](#))

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB](#) website for more information.

Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



Featured This Week (Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time):

Find all of the resources on Pope Francis visit to Cuba and the United States [here](#). A recap of the Pope's homilies, speeches, prayers and more from his visit to Washington D.C., New York and the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. The majority of Pope Francis' activities from his visit are compiled in this week's newsletter from NCCL.

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

Featured Website

Center for Ministry Development

2015-2016 Webinar Series

CMD's world-class ministry training is now available to you in webinar format! Practical Help for Youth Ministry and Lifelong Faith Formation



Helpful Links

Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

eCatechist

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

The Religion Teacher

The Religion Teacher provides practical resources and teaching strategies to help religious educators transform the lives of the young people they teach. Find the practical resources, activities, lesson plans, prayers, and teaching strategies at The Religion Teacher to be great supplements to your catechetical work.

Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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